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2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Pather, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the intercessor.

4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.

5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.

7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.

8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

12 In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

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14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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COVER PICTURE: "I am the Rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys," Song of Solomon 2:1.

Do You Dare to Be

DIFFERENT?

By Rev. K. W. Sollitt First Baptist Church, Mendota, Illinois

Excerpts from a High School Commencement Address

ROM Greek mythology comes the story of Procrustes, the grisly bandit who was not content merely to rob and plunder and despoil. His eccentricity was to make each of his victims lie down on an iron bed and be fitted to it. If they were too short, he had them stretched on the rack. If they were too long, he lopped off their extremities at just the right point, for he was insistent that no one should be any taller nor any shorter than he. Procrustes was his own standard of per-

GOD'S INDIVIDUALS

I wish for you a world in which you can become the individuals God intended you to be. But I would certainly be over-optimistic to promise you such a world-for the spirit of Procrustes is abroad, and replicas of his iron bed are now in mass production.

There is ample evidence to show that in America we are putting a premium on conformity, regimentation, and group action; a penalty on originality, ingenuity, and personal initiative. The greater tragedy is that we are following the pattern blindly-even willingly-because it is the path of least resistance, because a whole generation has arisen in the past 20 years that knows nothing different, and because there is a mirage on down the trail which beckons to us.

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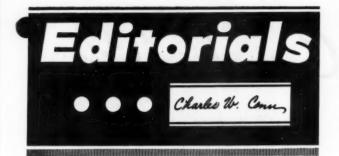
We seem oblivious to the fact that this same mirage has beckoned many a nation to its doom. Nor can we seem to understand that a social group which does its thinking by ear and its acting by imitation can never do more than travel in circles-like elephants in a circus ring, tail to trunk and trunk to tail. Coerced Conformity is a sure road to national suicide, and the blind acceptance of the role of an exact duplicate of everyone else is self-condemnation to mediocrity and oblivion.

LEGS TO STAND ON

God gave you legs on which to stand, and may He forgive you if you use them only as something with which to run away from reality. Yet he who takes a stand on anything today is in danger of being torn to pieces by those who run with the pack. Do you dare to be different?

The world's progress always has been started by individuals, not by groups. And these individuals have always been non-conformists-people who bearded Procrustes in his den and did battle with him, instead of letting themselves be cut down to his size. Progress is never made by those who merely follow the crowd, but by those who dark to show the crowd a better way.

It is the fate of your generation to decide whether we shall have a world of free men or of slaves.



JOE KNOWS NOW

OSEPH V. STALIN IS DEAD; he has gone the way of other dictators before him: Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo, et al. Stalin was a ruthless killer, who by incessant and unfeeling blood-purge forced his way to the top of the Communist regime. The political world trembled at the name of this merciless man, the murders at whose direction are beyond counting. The world has never known a bloodier man nor a politically more powerful man. TIME magazine said of him: "No tyrant of history, neither khan, nor caesar, nor czar, amassed power so vast or so absolute. Greater than Peter the Great, he extended Russia's empire over a fourth of the globe and its shadow over the rest. More terrible than Ivan the Terrible, he enslaved millions in the name of freedom and sent to death in the name of improvement of the State. No corner of the world was safe from his ambition or secure from his intrigue. His word was gospel, his will law. He repealed truth and denied God."

More than any other man of his day, Joseph Stalin was feared, hated, and adored-adored by his compatriots in the ideology of Karl Marx and the brutal power of Nikolai Lenin; hated by those who loved freedom and democracy; feared by all who knew his name. Christians have been aware of Joe Stalin most of all because of his hatred of and denial of God. As is historically typical of the Russian people, Stalin had a religious background and, as a youth, was a seminary student in training for the Greek Orthodox priesthood. His religious impulses were soon smothered by the rebellion of his evil mind, and he withdrew in hatred from his religious training. He embraced the secular and social religion of Karl Marx, who denied the existence of God and despised all that is good. He became the proudest product of the Marxist ideology-and outdid Marx in spreading its venom throughout the world.

OE KNOWS NOW. He knows that there is a God, for he has gone to his reckoning with God. Somewhere today Stalin knows the truth of the scripture that saith, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God," Psalm 9:17. Somewhere today he knows that the truth of Christ will ultimately prevail. Somewhere he knows that the doctrine of Communism is doomed to failure and destruction. Today he might, like the rich man of Luke 16, desire to send a messenger from beyond the grave to Malenkov, Molotov, Beria, Bulganin, and all the others who are intent by blood to spread ommunism throughout the world, to warn them lest ley also enter into his place of torment. Stalin has been converted. He believes in God today. He knows today that he was only a weak and evil mortal and that God alone is supreme and eternal.

We need not feel that the Communist threat is over because Stalin is dead. The roots of the Marxian religion are deep in the hearts of millions who hate God and lowe only Communism. The battle of the Christians against Communism must go on—we must convince the world somehow that Communism will fail and Christianity alone can succeed. Just as Joe knows today, all his fellows will know, some day, the truth of God and His Word, but for the sake of the world and the sake of their souls we must pray and labor in every way we can to let them know now—before it is too late for them and for all the free world.

THE T's

UITE OFTEN these days we hear of a person who is suffering from the T's. When we hear this expression we can know that the person speaking or the person referred to is having trouble, trials, tribulations, torments, temptations, or a generally "terrible time." Naturally, we are deeply sympathetic toward any T sufferer and wish we could help him. Very often an investigation will prove they are suffering with the T's because of T of another sort-tongue, talk, talebearing, tattling, and temper. Too much talk always leads to trouble. Talebearing will most certainly bring tribulation, and the tongue, almost without failure, leads into temptation. When other people suffer, we, as Christians, suffer with them-if that suffering is for the cause of Christ. If, however, their suffering is for other reasons, it is wise to point out to them that Peter has said, "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters," 1 Peter 4:15. If you are suffering with the T's, check up and you may find that your suffering is caused by still other T's.

APRIL IS REVIVAL MONTH

ISTORICALLY and spiritually, the Church of God is an evangelistic movement. We have never underestimated the value of revival campaigns, and seek constantly for ways of making our revival campaigns more effective. At the last General Assembly, a nation-wide, simultaneous revival was discussed, and it was agreed that such was needed. In practically every quarter of the Church, April has been designated as that month of simultaneous evangelistic effort-and it is ideal, because April is Easter month. It should be a cause of encouragement and faith to all of us to know that all of our churches will be joined in a concerted, nationwide effort to win souls to Christ at this time. The winning of souls is the greatest of works, and all our efforts will fall far short of reaching all who should be reached for Christ. I think it has never been seen what universal influence and contact the Church of God has, but that this simultaneous revival is one of the best ways possible of making that influence felt.

If your church is now having its revival, we pray that God will grant you a great harvest of souls, each of which is precious enough to cause the angels to shout for joy. If, for some reason, no revival is scheduled for your church in April, and you feel that it is too late to secure an evangelist, you should band yourselves together in a week of prayer and consecration that will bring revival among and through the members. All of us are waiting hopefully to hear the results of this national simultaneous effort. If it is done in sincerity for love's sake, rather than by compulsion for duty's sake, God will honor our efforts and add to the Church daily such as shall be saved.



The Cost of a Vision

Acts 26:19

By W. W. PENTECOST

FTEN PEOPLE PRAY, "O Lord, give me a vision."
But we wonder sometime if they would not hesitate if they knew the terrible price one must pay for having a vision. A man with a real vision is likely to be out of joint with many things and the people about him. He is misunderstood and considered either a radical or a reactionary. His friends try to make excuses for him. Because of this he suffers without relief, and many times dies unappreciated and unmourned. This has been so with men of vision in every walk of life.

The Compulsion

It is strange how a vision will drive a man. Once it grips him, he becomes so obsessed with it that all other things become secondary. He gives himself to it and it becomes his taskmaster until the vision becomes a reality. Many times he will sacrifice home, friends, wealth, and even life itself in order to realize the vision. There is a compulsion about it that he is unable to resist.

Moses had a vision, and it so affected him that he made a choice the world would call the choice of a mad man, but it changed the course of empires and of all history. He seemed to be driven by an unseen power that he could not resist.

Even great earthly visions deeply affect men. Alexander the Great had a vision which drove him on, as a young man, to conquer country after country and build a world empire that he, according to one legend, sat and wept because there were no more worlds within his grasp.

Columbus had a vision that so possessed him he could not rest. The world laughed, mocked, scoffed, and ignored him, but he could not rest until he had rigged his ships and sailed into the unknown.

Perry had a vision that would not let him die at ease until it carried him over the top of the world.

Byrd had a vision, and it would not let him rest until he had explored the bottom of the world.

The Wright brothers had a vision, and, because of it, they set the world flying.

Lindberg had a vision and conquered the treacherous air currents over the Atlantic. One day the world thought he was mad; the next day it was at his feet.

Saul of Tarsus had a vision on the road to Damascus that reversed the stream of his life. He never got over it and neither has the world.

Jesus Christ had a vision that drove him from the throne of heaven to the cattle stable, from the stable to the despised cross.

There seems to be no stopping a man who has a vision. A compulsion so grips him that it is either do or die.

Its Cost

A PERSON WITH A REAL VISION is destined to suffer. There is no escape from it. The Bible, as well as history, is full of proof. It is seen so clearly in the life of Joseph. He (Joseph) had a vision of the sheaves of wheat bowing down to his sheaf; then followed the vision of the sun, moon, and eleven stars doing obeisance to him, or his star. The moment he told that vision, he was no longer simply Joseph to his brethren, but he was "that dreamer." Jealousy, that cruel, greeneyed monster more cruel than death, began to work in their bosoms. Nothing could stop its race. Those brothers laid their plot and waited the day of opportunity. It came, and they seized it. Even when Joseph was laboring to keep them from hunger, their jealousy arose against him, and, while they took food from his hand, their hearts were plotting murder against him. Oh, cruel jealousy, it could easily crush the life out of an innocent boy and that boy their own brother. It could put him into a pit and sit at its mouth and eat the food he had so lovingly brought them, without any concern for his comfort. It could mar his beautiful coat with the blood of an animal, in order to deceive a loving father. It could unscrupulously break the heart of a father it professed to love, and hasten his death. Jealousy knows no bounds, considers not relatives or friends.

What did the vision cost Joseph? It cost him his home, the fellowship of a father and his country. It made him a slave in a foreign land. It caused his reputation to be besmirched by an unscrupulous, immoral woman. It made him spend three long years in the prison. But his vision was finally realized.

The case of Moses is another striking illustration. His vision made him leave the home of the king, give up the throne of Egypt, leave his country misunderstood by those he gave up all to help. He had to go to the wilderness to live in hardship for forty years before he could see his vision realized.

Did a vision cost Paul anything? He was, no doubt, one of the foremost among the potential leaders of his nation. But from the day he received a midday vision on the road to Damascus, he counted all but dross that he might win Christ. He said good-bye to his friends, his standing, his religion, his relatives, and his resources. He was criticized, cursed, cruelly beaten, thrown into priso stoned, hunted as a beast, and shipwrecked, yet hear a cry was, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake."

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WHO WILL GO UP

By F. RUSSELL

OSHUA WAS DEAD. He who had led the Children of Israel into the Promised Land in Moses' stead and had taken possession of much land in the name of Jehovah, was dead. The task was unfinished, and much was yet to be taken from the wicked nations who still held possessions in Canaan. The elders of Israel, still faithful to God, were bent on carrying out His commands to drive them out and free the country of idolatry and the iniquitous practices of the heathen inhabitants. Their eader was gone, but they followed in his path and sought the mind of the Lord.

· "And Israel inquired of the Lord, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites to fight against them? And the Lord said, Judah shall go up. Behold I have delivered the land into his hand. And Judah said unto Simeon, his brother, Come up with me into my lot against the Canaanites, and I will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went up with him, and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perrizites into their hand and they slew ten thousand men. And they found Anonai Bezek... and caught him and cut off his thumbs and great toes."

These names are significant. "Judah" means praise; "Simeon" means to obey and "Anonai Bezek" means Lord Lightning. This wicked king had, according to his own word, and as his name implies, sent out his armies with lightning rapidity and subdued seventy kings who grovelled at his feet as prisoners. The Israelites were never guilty of the unspeakable atrocities practiced by the heathen conquerers all about them, but they believed in retribution. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth was only plain justice. Adonai Bezek's confession revealed that he himself knew perfect justice had been meted out to him. "Three score and ten kings having their thumbs and their great toes cut off gathered their meat under my table; as I have done so God hath requited me." "And they brought him to Jerusalem and there he died." So Judah carried on the fight in the name of Jehovah.

Luke 10:17 states, "The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold I give you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the devil, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." A reversal of affairs here. Seventy anointed disciples chased Lord Lightning as they commanded his demons to depart from his victims through the name of Jesus.

SEVENTY KINGS had been rendered helpless through the lightning stroke of Adonai Bezek. Without thumbs or toes they could never again wield the sword or run with the footmen. Had they met Bezek in a united front, they could have overcome him; but each had held independently to his own little kingdom, thus becoming easy victims to this Hitler of the hills of Canaan. What valuable lessons the Church might learn from this story of Israel's service, and walk in the way of the Lord. It is Satan's pleasure to keep the Church divided in needless divisions and by separating Christians one from another. Thus he cuts off their thumbs and toes, making them powerless against him and crippled in their walk and Christian testimony. This is true of individuals, as well as of assemblies. Paul beseeches his converts to be of one mind, to keep the unity of the Spirit, and to walk worthy of their high calling as kings and priests unto God. John exhorts his children in the faith to walk in love, and the Lord Jesus prayed, "That they all may be one even as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee."

"Who is on the Lord's side?" challenged Moses when he came down from the mount and found the Children of Israel worshiping a golden calf. Levi answered the challenge. "Then take every man his sword and slay his brother, his companion, or his neighbor who are found in idolatry." He who is on the Lord's side must be separated from the world unto God. In his heart he must renounce all who would hold him to the old life or hinder him from following the Lord. If he pleads, "First, let me go and bury my father," or, "Let me first bid my family farewell," he is unworthy of being a disciple. His thumbs and toes are cut off by human ties which take first place in his heart.

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"Brightly beams our Father's mercy, From His lighthouse ever more, But to us He gives the keeping Of the lights along the shore.

"Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave! Some poor fainting, struggling seaman You may rescue, you may save."

←P. P. Bliss.

AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD," said the Lord Jesus; "he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). But He also said, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14), and, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Mr. Bliss, in his great hymn, makes reference to two kinds of lights—lighthouse lights and lower lights. Both kinds are intensely important to the safety of the sailors, who depend on them for guidance and warning.

We find the counterpart of these lights in the Lord Jesus and His followers. We find a somewhat similar counterpart in great and famous preachers and the unknown, yet faithful, "lower lights" among the laity who also have and perform a necessary function.

Lower Lights

Bu Chester Shuler

There is always a temptation to be a "lighthouse" light. There is also the temptation to think that because we cannot preach, sing, or exhort we are of little value in the Christian work. Fortunately, this is not true, unless we deliberately cause it to be true. We can be faithful "lower lights." We, too, can send our small but sure gleam across the wave and rescue some struggling sinner.

The great lighthouse of God's mercy is unfailing. Its far-reaching beam has reached almost to every corner of the earth. But there are many, many dark corners where the "lower lights" are needed, and oh, the good they can do, if they will!

Let us think for a moment of our own experiences in living a Christian life. Isn't it true that many of the folks whose word or deed has strengthened and helped us over hard spots were not necessarily great lighthouses of the Christian ministry, but just ordinary Christians like ourselves? people who, although lacking in great ability, were faithful in living and using the light they did have—and doing so to God's glory?

There is little doubt that if we could see clearly the farreaching effect of a kind word or deed, a cheery smile, a gentle touch, a soft answer given in time of stress, we should be more anxious to contribute many more of these from day to day. Like the arrow which the poet claims he shot into the air, or the song he breathed into space, these beams sent forth from the "lower lights" go on and on until they lodge somewhere—often in places where God can use them best for His glory.

YEARS AGO, Dr. Russell Conwell, one Sunday morning, found a small girl crying outside the building in which he was to preach. Slipping up to her he asked kindly what the trouble was. She said she wanted to hear the great and good preacher, but the building was filled already and she could not enter. Dr. Conwell's great heart was touched. He picked up the girl and carried her through the crowd until he found a good seat for her. "Some day," he remarked, "we intend to build a new church large enough so all can get inside."

Some time later, Dr. Conwell received a call to a humble home in the great city's poorer section. There he found that his little friend had become ill and died. On her deathbed, the child had asked that the fifty-seven pennies in her bank be given to the nice preacher, so he could "build a new church."

When Dr. Conwell told this story to some of his people, they were so touched that they bought each penny for a dollar, then gave back the pennies to be resold. In that way, much money was raised. A fund was started to build a new church.

The man who owned the lots on which they wished to build heard the touching story of this "lower light." He, too, was touched, and agreed to sell his lots for much less money than he had planned. On that land today we find great church, a hospital, a university—all the result of a little beam from a faithful lower light, who gave her fifty-seven pennies before she went to live with Jesus, the Light of the World.

We note from the gospel story that the Lord Jesus, when on earth, was quick to notice the faithful lower lights of His time—the woman who wiped His feet with her hair, the boy who gave his loaves-and-fishes lunch to the Master, the widow with her mite, Mary and Martha so generous with their humble home, and many others.

This is a comforting thought, indeed. Lower lights in this world today receive little thanks, scant notice, and plenty of unpleasant reaction at times. But they always have the comforting assurance that the Lord Jesus sees,

knows, cares, appreciates, and understands!

When a light is working properly, it shines without making a noise. When noise starts, something likely is going wrong with the mechanism. An electric light bulb which rattles is worthless, and will give no light. Christian lower lights, when functioning properly, shine without ostentation, but oh, so brightly!

THE PERSON who talks too much about his "religion" is sometimes "rattling." When Christ really dwells in the heart, the true light shines forth without much noise. We see—even feel—it. There is, of course, a proper place for oral witness and testimony. But sometimes the light shining forth, silently, brightly, speaks much more effectively to other hearts than the tongue

ever can speak.

Then there's another interesting thing about lightslower lights, too, if you please. An electric light, if it is to be efficient, must be insulated. It may not lose this insulation, if it intends to go on shining. A lower-light Christian is much the same. He may not become "grounded," if he is to shine for Jesus. He must not be "of the earth" or "earthly" (John 3:31), if he wants to transmit a heavenly message of light and hope and safety. And how easy it is to become "grounded"! How carefully the enemy, Satan, watches to wear through the insulation with just one tiny sin! How he tries to get the "world" to penetrate one's insulation or armor. But fortunately, there is One who can keep the insulation intact—the Lord Jesus. He will never fail. He does not want His lower lights to fail, either. He is depending on them-heavily. The world is very dark in sin just now. Truly

> "Dark the night of sin has settled; Loud the angry billows roar; Eager eyes are watching, longing, For the lights along the shore."

Another arresting thought! Are some eyes "watching, longing" for my light along the treacherous, rocky shore? Oh, what if they are—and if my light has grown dim? or,

if it has gone out-and I'm not aware of it?

Yes, this can happen. Samson was not immediately aware that he was without his great strength. "And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him" (Judges 16:20, 21c). God's Spirit can and often does depart from a man when sin enters. "But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul" (1 Samuel 16:15). There can be such a gradual "falling away" from spiritual things that we are scarcely aware of the change, until a crisis comes and spiritual strength, sorely needed, is lacking. (2 Thessalonians 2:3, etc.) Yes, we need not only to be willing lower

lights, but also faithful, dependable ones.

Just about the best, most faithful, and unforgettable lower light the writer recalls was a lady who lived in his boyhood community. She had little education. Seldom did she get to church because of circumstances. She did not talk very much about "religion." But her influence was very great, and when she was called to be with her Lord, whom she loved and served, folks from every walk of life came to say a good word about her kindness, her Christian character and life, her unselfish concern for others' welfare. "I never entered her door," said one tearful old woman, "that she didn't offer me a cup of coffee and a bit of food. Best of all, she never talked about people, except the good, and she always sent me away feeling better and wanting to live a better life."

There are many things that a plain, ordinary person can *not* be in our modern day. But anyone who earnestly desires it may be a lower light shining every day for the Lord Jesus, helping save some soul that otherwise would be lost on life's rockbound shore. Why not get in touch with the great lighthouse now, and then shine faithfully

for Jesus wherever we are?

You may build with stone well, But with flesh better— Temples not made with hands But rivited with hearts— That kind of marble, crimson-veined Is indeed eternal.—John Ruskin.

The Bible goes equally to the cottage of the peasant, and the palace of the king.—It is woven into literature, and colors the talk of the street.—The bark of the merchant cannot sail without it; and no ship of war goes to the conflict but it is there.—It enters men's closets; directs their conduct, and mingles in all the grief and cheerfulness of life.—Theodore Parker.

We must never undervalue any person. The workman loves not to have his work despised in his presence. Now God is present everywhere, and every person is His work.—Saint Fancis De Sales. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away full of fragrant perfumes or sympathy and affection that they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them in my weary and troubled hours and open them that I might be cheered and refreshed by them when I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the fragrance of love and sympathy.

We should learn to prepare ourselves before the burial. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit, and flowers upon the coffin cast no fragrance backward o'er the weary way. If, therefore, there is any kind thing I can say or any good thing I can do, let me do it now. Let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

-Henry W. Watterson.

He best keeps from anger who remembers that God is always looking upon him.—Plato.

RIEND, DON'T READ this sermon in the presence of others. Go somewhere and be alone for the few minutes you will require to peruse these Bible statements, for you need to ponder the thoughts herein presented, and consider them as a personal message from God. One may be saved and have ever so much religion, feel safe and secure, but to even that class come certain blood-chilling warnings. Christ and Paul and others spoke out to warn those who think themselves sufficiently holy and strong. Read all of 1 Corinthians 10:1-12. The rich young ruler had a great deal of religion, but he lacked "one thing." Mark 10:17-23. Even a few short words can endanger our souls to HELL FIRE. (Read Matthew 5:22.)

HELL! WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT? WHO WILL GO THERE?

Webster's Dictionary says that hell is a place of punishment for the WICKED after death—after death, but not during the earth-life. Some modern religionists say it is mortal belief, error, remorse, hatred, revenge, or SIN itself. One of our contemporaries, a missionary of vast experience and a quarter of a century of service abroad, said, and I heard him say it, "Hell is on earth; it is SIN; it is the very life we live—make it what we will." And, of course, he put heaven right down here among us also, life being, in fact, heaven or hell.

The modernists hold that whatever is, is right. The atoning blood of Jesus Christ is rejected by them. Man, they say, is his own savior. Those who recorded the "VIR-GIN BIRTH" were doubtlessly influenced by pagan fables. Christ was a man, no more. He, too, was a product of evolution. The miracles He performed are nothing more than legendary exaggerations. They contend that hell does not exist. Many theologians rule out this idea of a "burning hell." Because, they say, it is too merciless—God won't cast His children into hell! Preaching it creates emotionalism, irrationalism, and a superficial faith which springs from nothing more than fear.

NO SANE THINKING PERSON would dispute the reality of electricity, nor that the universe is electrically controlled, and, yet, no one has ever seen electricity. No one has ever seen pains, sounds, or wind, but who would dispute their reality. Arguing against the wind does not stop the hurricane, nor will disbelief in hell put out its fires and make it a deep freeze. If hell were what some learned men say it is, it would be folly to devote our energies, time, and talents to the Christian way of life. We might as well turn to the epicureans and eat with them and drink, for tomorrow we may die. If the theory of death is as the modernists teach it—that heaven and hell are a state of the mind, heaven if you life harmonizes with the laws of God and hell if you're out of attunement; that once you're dead you will be as any other of the beasts-there will be no payday for your good or your evil, and no one need fear judgments of any nature. HELL is fire and brimstone, a lake of it; how large we cannot say, but a lake of fire that is never to be quenched. Mark 9:43. It is EVERLASTING. Revelation 20:14, 15; 16:10, 11. It is a place where they gnaw the tongue and lift their voices to curse God. It is a place where no one begs for his loved ones. Luke 16:28. It is the abode of the liars, murderers, abominable, idolaters, whoremongers, and hypocrites. It is a place of EVERLASTING TORMENT. Revelation 14:11. Watkinson says: "Though the New Testament is renounced, sin, devils, judgments, and HELL remain potential in the human conscience."



By C. E. French

Where is this awful place?

Proverbs 15:24, Matthew 11:23, and 1 Peter 3:18-20, all cast some light on this question. "The WAY OF LIFE is above-to the wise, that he may depart from HELL BE-NEATH." Capernaum, according to Christ's warning in Matthew 11:23, had been exalted to heaven, but was doomed to be brought down-down to hell. The scriptures above and the phrases used by Christ in Matthew 25:41, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into EVERLASTING FIRE," in Matthew 25:46, "And these shall go AWAY into EVER-LASTING PUNISHMENT," in Matthew 8:12, "And shall be cast OUT into OUTER darkness," and 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9, "Who shall be punished with EVERLASTING DE-STRUCTION from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power," suggest that hell is somewhere AWAY from God and the righteous, somewhere in the bowels of the earth, down underneath-DOWN! But, make sure, friend, that it is not the grave. No one gone to his grave ever made any noise or movement; but there, wherever it is, men wail, gnash their teeth, gnaw the tongue, and curse God. There their thirst is never quenched, and their troubled spirits are never at rest. There, there is no music, no love, no beauty, and all is blackness and darkness forever. Just where it is matters little; your concern and mine should be to try and avoid going there.

In Doctor Robert G. Lee's sermon "Is Hell a Myth?" he

Revelation 21:8

pictures it as a prison house of despair. Hell is a place without flowers, without the comforts of home; a place without friendships, no children, no LOVE nor PEACE, not one ray of light, no mercy, no pity, no pardon or grace. There will be no water there, and, with not one moment's ease, there will be no rest there. Memory and remorse will always accompany suffering, weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

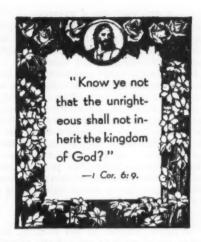
Who will go there?

First, the devil, for it was prepared for him and his angels. The wicked shall be turned into that place. We all know what that means, for never in the history of the world did mankind conceive such wickedness as we witness in these days. Psalms 9:17. Paul said, in 2 Thessalonians 1:8, there would be "those that KNOW NOT God, and those that OBEY NOT the gospel." These include the beast and the false prophet, Revelation 19:20, and all them that worshiped the beast, of Revelation 11:9-11.

THE FEARFUL shall go there. They have been afraid to stand for Christ and Christian principles. They feared the scorn and booings of the worldly wise, a husband's or wife's ridicule, or possibly the employer's buffetings, or the break in friendship of a trusted friend. The abomniable shall go there. Friend, every ignoble, mean-spirited, vile, base, and loathsome person in this world of sin, unless he repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, will be there. The highly cultured, well-educated, morally right, and much-respected citizen will have to lie down in hell with the murderers, drunkards, gamblers, whoremongers and prostitutes, the blasphemers, swearers, idolaters, and Christ-rejectors.

That man whose heart has not been cleansed by blood, Christ's blood, though morally good, is not good enough to enter heaven, and will, therefore, have to go downdown with the other Christ-rejectors. For, as I've written in a previous paragraph, one may have ever so much religion, have every debt paid, treat everyone kindly, and live his best, and yet miss the mark. True religion is not descent from religious ancestry. Grace does not flow in the blood stream, but is conditioned by a new, second birth. It is not a product of culture or training. Salvation, the power that saves from hell, is acquired and nourished by blood through the Holy Ghost, and is retained, not by mere external performances and religious duties, but conformity to God's laws. Salvation, that power that saves from hellfire, starts in the blood, continues through the blood, and on into a baptism of fire in the Holy Spirit. That real salvation, the true fire of God, is never identified with cheap fanaticism, for one cannot kindle this salvation-fire with his own sparks.

Grace is not of works. Our own righteousness is as earth's filthy rags in the sight of God. See Isaiah 64:6. Murderers will go there. Makers and perpetrators of war are going there. Men and women in great multitudes will leave judgment's hall with blood-dripping fingers and slump into hell's eternal flame. Those murderers whose garments have been stained with the blood of the unborn and innocent will be there. There will also be a portion of hell set off for those persons who just could not love their brother. 1 John 3:15. All the lewd and unchaste will go there. You have no need that I write of these classes. We are all aware of their evil practices, for they are found in every strata of society, from the university down through the churches and into the smallest rural community. Lustful, and full of evil desire, they seek for sin's pleasures more than they do the love of God. All liars will go



there. A man had better not go to the judgment with a lie on his life. Anything other than truth is a falsehood and will not pass in the day of reckoning. With the liars you will find every hypocrite of every generation. Please read Revelation 20:15 and notice that special emphasis is placed on that verse. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire."

Revelation 20:14 declares that the lake of fire is the second death. This is, therefore, the eternal abode of the Christless soul, and it should be remembered that as long as God reigns in heaven with His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the holy angels, and the redeemed saints, just that long the wicked will remain the inhabitants of hell.

COMPARE Luke 16:19-30 with Psalm 9:17 and Numbers 16:23. Here, in Luke 16, the rich man shows every sign of life, as we know it here on earth. In Psalm 9:17, "the wicked are TURNED into hell." One gets the impression that they were turned into hell just about like a farmer would turn cattle into a field for grazing. In Numbers 16:23-33, we are beholding the rebels Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and those who chose to rebel with them along with their families and all their substance, going down into a pit. Note: They, and all that appertained to them, WENT DOWN ALIVE, into the pit.

But you say, they must have died. Yes, indeed, but what is death? Death is a transition. It simply transports the soul from one sphere of life into another, from life here on earth to life in eternity with the good or the bad. In one reference we see a few families going down to death; in another we see multitudes (nations) being turned into hell; and in another instance it is an individual, a pompous rich man. For a description of the place, let us hear the admonition of Christ as He relates the story of the rich man's death and descent into hell. In HELL he lifted up his eyes. It would seem that he went there because he had not used his wealth in a service to mankind. He had not injured Lazarus; he just didn't help him when opportunity presented itself. God doesn't condemn us for wrongdoing, but rather for failure to do right. Is there a Lazarus at your gate?

Now, Friend, Christ didn't say a certain man dreamed a dream, but He set forth both phases of a wicked life—here and hereafter. He said there was a certain rich man, and a certain beggar, and He described the mannerisms of both. Webster says that "certain" means "true, beyond

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THE COST OF A VISION

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Then again he cries, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself," and, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

Luther, the respected monk and university teacher, got a vision, tacked his Twenty-One Articles to the cathedral door and suffered as few men have suffered. But he broke the spell of fear that had bound men for ages, and robbed hell of multitudes of its potential inhabitants.

Men with vision live so far beyond their age they are out of harmony with much they see around them. They often have little patience with the blind masses of humanity, and the masses have little patience with them. They are the world's greatest sufferers. No man should ever ask God to give him a vision unless he is prepared to take the suffering a vision will bring.

The Result

Where there is no vision, the people perish." What would have become of the human race if Noah had failed to carry out his vision? What would have been the result in Egypt, or what would have become of the "chosen race" if Joseph had had no vision or had been unwilling to suffer because of it? Where would the world be today if Moses had never had a vision and been willing to carry it out? There would be no Jewish race, no Old Testament, no Christ, and no salvation.

What if Paul had been disobedient to that vision he saw on the Damascus road? We would have none of the most inspiring and instructive epistles to the early churches. What if he had closed his eyes and refused to see the man of Macedonia, and refused to hear him cry, "Come over into Macedonia and help us"? What would be our plight now? Instead of enjoying the blazing light of the gospel of Jewis Christ, with all its blessings and privileges, this, our nation, would be in dark, dark heathenism.

Do you have a vision? Are you willing to take the suffering its accomplishment entails? Are you willing to be misunderstood, set aside, ignored, and criticized in order to be true to it? If you fail, what will be the consequences? Will heaven be robbed? Will hell be populated? and will the world be impoverished? When you come to the end of life's road, will you be able to say with Paul, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision"?

WHO WILL GO UP?

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"Cursed be Meroz," sang Deborah after the conquest of Sisera, "who came not up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." "Meroz" means leanness. A sick soldier is discharged from the army. The lean soul can never wage war against the devil. He must overcome, first of all, his own fleshly nature; the world must be crucified unto him and he unto the world, else he is like those kings whose thumbs and toes were cut off. When God gave the Israelites that which their flesh craved, He sent leanness into their soul. The flesh is always hankering for the things of this world, but when obtained they bring no satisfaction to the heart. The soul that is occupied with his own desires has no power over the enemy, no faith to wield the Sword of the Spirit against him. His thumbs and toes are cut off.

THE ACTIVITIES of the foe, this hidden foe of the spiritual life, caused Paul to cry out, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" When will this

civil war within my being end. Just when Paul discovered the depth and strength of his old nature we do not know. It was probably soon after his wonderful conversion and experience on the road to Damascus. In spite of all that, the old Adam nature was alive within him and now showed up in the light of God's Holy Spirit. Only through the indwelling Spirit could he ever become aware of the force and depth of his own nature, that which had caused him to be so blind to the truth and so zealous against the Christ. "I did it ignorantly in unbelief." Now he had become acquainted with himself and had begun to understand the sin principle of his nature. The spirit of the holy law penetrated into his soul, causing him to see what sin really was; and, despairing of ever being freed from self, he cried out, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Neither could he have experienced the power of the cross in the fuller deliverance which freed him for his chief foe-his flesh. Nor could he have taught the Church the way of victorious living. He found the answer to his cry in the cross of Christ. "I thank my God through our Lord Jesus Christ. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." He could then teach the Church the way of victorious living as he does in Romans, chapter 6. His thumbs and great toes were anointed with holy oil as were the priests of old in type, for service, to fight the fight of faith and to war against the devil.

ISAIAH COULD ANSWER, "Here am I send me." His heart had been purged of iniquity and his lips touched by the fire of God. From a heart cleansed from self, there is only one answer to His call, "Who will go for us?" Such a sanctified heart answers, without hesitation, "Here am I; send me." Who will go into the dark places of the earth with the message of deliverance to those who have had no light, who have never heard the name of Jesus? Who will go up against the foe that holds them in chains of sin and terror? One young man who had answered the call of God testified, "When I drive along the highway in the jungle land of Indo-China and look down on the hundreds of villages where no gospel light has ever shone, my heart thrills with deep joy in the assurance that soon I shall go in the name of the Lord and see Satan routed from his lair. Those slaves of sin and cruel devil-worship shall soon be delivered from his chains by the power of the gospel and cleansed hearts will be singing songs of deliverance and of victory."

True soldiers of the cross, Judah and Simeon, go up to the battle knowing that victory is theirs. It was won for them on Calvary's cross.

Back in the eternal counsels of God there was One who answered the challenge, "Who will go up against the foe, Appoleon, the destroyer of God's handiwork and of His workmanship?" He answered, "Then said I, Lo I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me. I delight to do thy will . . . I will go up Calvary's hill and bruise the serpent's head and destroy his power and authority." The Lion of the tribe of Judah hath prevailed. Therefore, Judah and Simeon and all who follow in their train can go up against the foe to overcome by faith, the world, the flesh, and the devil. They can go up in perfect confidence through faith in Him, because He cried, from the cross of victory that the whole world might hear: "IT IS FIN-ISHED!" "Judah shall go up with praise and Simeon in obedience of faith, for I HAVE delivered the Canaanites and the Perrizites into their hands."

"Let the high praise of God be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hands," Psalm 149:6.

HELL

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doubt, positive, undeniable, not named but thought of as specific." So then, if this record is objectionable, there is absolutely no grounds for believing in any other part of the Bible.

After this man's earth life, he went into another life. There, he was able to see, because he possessed some sort of a body that had eyes. That body also possessed ears, for he could still hear and was able to carry on a conversation, which would suggest also that he possessed his mouth and tongue. One of his most urgent requests was that Lazarus would come to him and dip his finger in water and cool his tongue. Please note that he was feeling, seeing, tasting, hearing, and talking. He was praying, too, but that was of no avail; it was too late to pray! In spite of his ability to reason, and the earnestness he showed in prayer, he had to stand by and hear his awful doom proclaimed. God gave him this reply in verses 25, 26. "A great gulf is fixed . . . fixed." This doesn't seem to be a burning up of root and branch, does it? This doesn't appear to be annihilation, does it?

Certain learned theologians and modern scientists feel that the whole man, that is, soul, spirit, and body, are due for annihilation. They declare that nothing in nature can be destroyed, but the soul of man, they argue, can and will be. He will go to dust, and after that he need not worry about anything happening. However, this rich man realized he had gone to a real place. He prayed Abraham that Lazarus might be sent to proclaim its realities to his five brothers in order that they might make preparations to escape it. This is not annihilation!

Hell! It does actually exist, but you don't have to go there. There is not a highway in our land, in any direction, that is more clearly marked than the way that leads to hell. Don't trifle with your soul; don't trust it to luck. I have a friend who stood on the Kentucky Dam and watched a boatload of men go over the top, but there was really no need for their dying in such a manner. There were signs on every side of them which gave warning of the danger they were in, signs such as: "Danger," "Don't go beyond this spot." "Flood gates open automatically-DANGER!" But they did go beyond the safety zone. They were fishing in the danger zone! They let their boat drift with the cool gentle winds, and at last they were in the prohibited area. Suddenly, and without warning, the gates opened. The current's force increased, and they began slowly moving toward the crest of the dam. They called for help and begged that someone should get a rope and throw it out to them. Those few horrifying moments went quickly by, and a woman, wife of one of the men and mother to the boy, had to stand by helplessly and watch them as they were hurled over the top of the dam into the swirling, angry waters below to be churned to death.

If you're not a Christian; if you've never been born again by the Spirit of God, you're in the danger zone. Turn back today! Bishop Wilberforce directed the way to heaven when he said, "The way to heaven, friend, is a turn to right(eousness) and straight ahead." Paul said, Acts 16:30, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Isaiah said, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Jesus pleads with you: Come unto me! Matthew 11:28-30.



LEMONS

Mrs. Mattle A. Lemons, a licensed minister in the Church of God died March 15, 1953.

GOINS

On March 10, 1953, the death angel visited the home of my sister and took our precious mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mae Goins, who was 74 years old. She had been in ill health for several months. A few hours before the summons came she left the most wonderful testimony, that she had seen the New Jerusalem, also the gates of heaven and the beauties of heaven. My mother bore her afflictions patiently and was a true child of God. She was a member of the Chickamauga Church of God in Georgia. She leaves 2 daughters, Ruth Durgin, of Chickamauga, Ga., and Irene Bullard, of Chattanooga; one son, J. Edward Goins, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and a host of relatives and friends. Her funeral was conducted at the Chickamauga Church of God by her pastor, Rev. Ross Chambers. Other assisting ministers were Revs.

W. P. Cornwell and C. L. Clark. We want to thank the ministers, neighbors, and friends for their kind words of sympathy and for the beautiful floral offering. Our hearts are sad and Mother will be missed, but if we stand true and live a Christian life we will be reunited.—Her daughter, Mrs. Irene Bullard.

JOHNS

In the late evening of February 18, 1953, our precious Brother S. V. Johns became ill of a heart attack and was claimed by the death angel in the early hours of the following morning. The suddenness of his departure from us was shocking at first—but as the hours pass his testimony, "Jesus is ready for me, and I'm ready to go," rings more clearly, relieving the ache in our hearts from loss of one who was such a faithful member of our Church.

In all efforts of the church work he was there to do his part; whatever the need of individual members, he and his precious wife rendered all possible aid. Our new parsonage and church building will be a memorial to him as we recall his untiring labor on them.

The great Comforter will lighten the dark hours for Sister Johns when we, the church, cannot bring solace. That glad reunion day is now more anticipated, since Brother Johns is there.—Mrs. Irene H. Waters, Clerk.

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Rev. W. K. Livingston

The Bashlott, Ga., Church of God had been disbanded for several years, but the Lord spoke to Brother Lloyd Davis, of Brunswick, Ga., and told him to go to Bashlott, and he did. The Lord surely has blessed him there. Brother W. K. Livingston preached in a 3 weeks' revival, recently, in which 24 were saved and sanctified, 9 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 10 baptized in water. Rev. H. M. Duck, of Alma, Ga., set the church in order with 15 new members. We praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings. Brother Livingston's address is Route 1, Blackshear, Ga.

ADRIA, Va.—On Sunday night, February 8, the power of God came down and began to bless in a great way. A mighty revival broke out, and there were 15 saved, 7 sanctified, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. There are some precious people here at Adria, and they really do love the Lord. Pray that God will continue to bless our work.—Thomas Burchett, Pastor.

LANETT, Ala.—We, the members of the Church of God at Lanett, appreciate our good pastor, Rev. A. J. Gardner, and his wife. They are, indeed, doing everything possible for the church here. God is blessing their efforts. The Lanett District convention was held at the Lanett Church of God, February 7, 8, and God surely did bless our souls. He blessed in a special way at the eleven o'clock service on February 8. Brother H. T. Statum, overseer of the South Alabama District, had charge of this service, which was a missionary service. God honored it with the presence of the Holy Ghost. An offering of \$425 was raised for foreign missions in pledges and cash. The district offering was \$271.80, which made a total of \$696.80. Also, at this convention we solicited 22 subscribers to the EVANGEL and 2 subscribers to the LIGHTED PATHWAY. On April 12 there will be an all-day

On April 12 there will be an all-day service with dinner on the ground, and, with God's help, on this day we hope to pay off a note on the church. Sister Gardner is chairman of the L.W.W.B. of the Lanett Church, and she has a live band of workers. Since the Assembly they have raised \$604 on a building fund. We are planning, by God's help, to build a new church. Pray for us here at Lanett.—William T. Overcash, Reporter.

PINEVILLE, N. C.—"Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee," Isaiah 60:1. Yes, this great light is shining in the Pineville Church of God, and the darkness of sin is being dispelled from the hearts of the people. The Holy Ghost took charge in the morning and evening services on the past Sunday, and the blessings of God fell upon His children. Conviction was strong upon the hearts of sinners, and one prodigal child came home and was gloriously received. Three others were sanctified and 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost. There will be more news from Pineville, for the church is working, praying, and fasting, and God will honor our efforts to glorify Him. Continue to pray for us.—Mrs. Addie Sloan, Reporter.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL Church of God Orphanage February 27, 1953

Dear Brethren:

With the help and co-operation of all who are interested in this noble endeavor of our Church, we are continuing to improve our service in caring for dependent children. Since coming to Sevierville we have

Since coming to Sevierville we have continually improved our physical plant, which means we are able to take better care of the children who come to us.

The nursery addition is almost completed. This affords conveniences our little girls have been without for some time. They now have ample layatory, commode, and bathing facilities.

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Our infirmary should be completed within the next month or so. It will be an outstanding improvement to our property, and help greatly in the care of our children. There will not be many institutional infirmaries which will surpass it.

The new house that is being built for the assistant superintendent is just about completed, and adds greatly to the appearance of the campus. We are fortunate to obtain the services of Dr. Ray N. Byrd, Jr., who is doing a good job on our children's teeth. We have made arrangements whereby one-half of his salary is paid by a governmental grant.

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We purchased a Victor projector, and the children enjoy and appreciate this addition to our program.

Two fire plugs have been installed

Two fire plugs have been installed at strategic points on the campus. Previous to this, if we had had a fire, hose lines would have had to be laid from the street, which is a considerable distance.

As we face the future, we will continue to strive to better our religious, social, educational, and all other phases of our work.—Respectfully submitted, Wm. F. Dych, Supt.



This is a picture of the Sharp's Chapel Church of God Sunday School. The church is located five miles north of Levesque and eight miles east of Cherry Valley, Arkansas. The church was organized in 1932 by Rev. R. E. Shaw. Rev. A. R. Willingham became the first pastor and held services in different homes during the winter months and under brush arbors in warm weather. He worked hard to get the church started and looked forward to a building in which to have services. Following Brother Willingham as pastor was Rev. R. E. Shaw. The people decided they needed a church building and began planning a building program. The father of E. E. Sharp, our present church clerk, gave the land on which to build. Different people of the community gave logs from which lumber was made for the church. A small frame building was erected, and the church began to grow. The members of the church have worked faithfully under such great preachers as A. R. Willingham, R. E. Shaw, W. G. Mems, Everett Wright, W. V. Johnson, John McCullah, H. T. Dawson, R. A. Garner, J. D. Walters, G. E. Griffin, and R. E. Pedigo. The membership has grown to around 100. A five-room parsonage was built during the pastorate of Rev. R. A. Garner, which added to the value of the church property. In the fall of 1949, Rev. J. D. Walters became the pastor. Plans were immediately started for a new and larger church. Members and friends of the church began to donate money until enough was secured to start. Everyone cooperated by giving of their labor and money until this nice yellow-tile block building was erected. The people at Sharp's Chapel are very proud of the progress of the church and mean, by the help of God, to keep working until the Master comes for His faithful few.—



Front Row—Tom Rosson, state youth director; Floyd Timmerman, state overseer; James Cooper, Pastor; Albert West; J. I. Matthews, former pastor; Back Row—Howard Statum, district overseer; Ralph Quest, former pastor; G. A. Starnes, former pastor; C. W. Kerce, former pastor.

ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS, ON THE MARCH

God has vindicated himself to his people in this area. We have accomplished more in the past few months than even our fondest dreams conceived. We have had expectant hearts, but it seems God likes to surprise us with the extras of life. He has done that very thing for the Church of God in Rochelle, Illinois.

When I arrived in Rochelle, I began to claim victories in Jesus' name. I saw a small group of people with anxious hearts and a willingness to work. We began a contest immediately, in both the Sunday School and Y.P.E., to liquidate the church indebtedness of \$2,190. On Sunday, December 14, in less than three months, we were thrilled beyond words when God dropped the amount into our laps. The people worked hard and gave sacrificially. This day will always remain in our memories as a great day of victory.

Sunday, January 25, concluded another great victory in the annals of the church. This day marked the close of the greatest revival in the church's history. There were 33 saved, 34 sanctified, 34 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 17 added to the church. The revival continues, with hearts being blessed of God in every service.

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On Sunday, February 22, God helped us to break the Sunday School record that had been standing for over four years, with an attendance of 153. The night before, we broke an all-time record in church attendance, with over 500 people and hundreds turned away. In this special service we were awarded the Illinois State Y.P.E. Banner. We are expecting greater things from God, who delights in performing the impossible in our midst.—James W. Cooper, Pastor.

TUSQUITTEE, N. C.—We are greatly encouraged here at Tusquittee. For

several years we have had no Church of God. Rev. E. P. Davenport came to our community in October, 1952, and conducted a 2 weeks' revival. Now we have a church set in order with 16 members. The revival was held in the home of one of our good neighbors who opened her doors to the Lord. We are now having prayer service 3 times a week and Sunday School in that home. At one time we had the Sunday School and Y.P.E. district banner. We have a very fine pastor, Brother Earl Long, of Andrews, N. C., who is a wonderful leader for us. Our church building has been started, and with the help of the Lord and the help of the good people we hope to be able to use it by early summer. We truly appreci-ate the Lord's goodness to us. We are not large in number, but are a faithful few who desire the prayers of all the Christian people that our church will prosper and grow.-Mrs. Clifton Parker.



TELEGRAM

LaBelle, Fla., revival closes. Seventeen saved, several sanctified and bap-tized with the Holy Ghost. Church greatly blessed. Rev. Cecil Chapin, of Benton Harbor, Mich., evangelist. W. H. Dean, Pastor.

ATHENS, Tenn.—We have had a wonderful revival, with 24 saved, 18 sanctified, 18 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 9 added to the church, and 10 baptized in water. We broke all records in Sunday School attendance with 195 last Sunday. We have the foundation poured for our Sunday School department. God is blessing us in a most gracious way.—Wallace Swilley Pastor. Swilley, Pastor.

ERWIN, N. C.—The Church of God in Erwin has recently had the greatest revival in the history of the church. God gave us an old-time, Pentecostal, Holy-Ghost revival. Night after night the mighty power and presence of the Holy Ghost was present to convict sinners and backsliders. Many came to the alter with tears Many came to the altar with tears streaming down their cheeks; some said they could hardly wait for Brother Hart to stop preaching so they could seek the Lord. The revival was could seek the Lord. The revival was mostly among young married people and high-school students, but there were some middle-age and elderly people saved. The last Sunday of the revival we broke our Sunday School record with 563 present. The old record was 538. Brother Robert Hart was the evangelist. He and his wife's singing was a great blessing to the revival. We are expecting to have them back with us if Jesus tarries. There were 65 saved, 44 sanctified, 31 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 47 added to the church. The church is making great progress since our beloved pastor, Rev. R. W. Tedder, has been here. Our Sun-day School attendance has increased over one hundred, and we are remod-eling our church. We are expecting the Lord to do great things for us at Erwin.—Henry Turnage, Reporter.

WARE SHOALS, S. C.—Our revival began February 15 and closed March 1. The evangelist was Brother Vincent Grassano, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a young man whom the Lord is using in a wonderful way. Brother Grassano preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost each night. Nine were saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, one added to the church, and 4 baptized in water. We praise God for this good revival.—Mrs. Ethel Clamp, Reporter.

ANNISTON, Ala.—The Anniston, Ala., Church of God is now in a great revival, and God is really blessing. There have been about 30 saved, 20 sanctified, and 18 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Our evangelist is Rev. Walter Skutar, of Columbia, S. C.—H. N. Smith, Clerk.

ROBINETT, W. Va.—In our recent weeks' revival 4 were saved, 3 sancti-ed, one reclaimed, and 7 baptized fied, one reclaimed, and 7 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother Denver Stevens did the preaching. Brother Stevens has just come over to us from the Christian Baptist Church, and we thank God for him. On the last night of the revival we had a wonderful of the revival we had a wonderful healing service, with Brother L. G. Rouse in charge. Fourteen testified to being healed. Brother Stevens has a radio broadcast over Station WLOG, Logan, W. Va., each Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Pray for him and his broadcast. His mailing address is Box 392, Logan, W. Va.-H. E. Chapman, Reporting.

KELLYSVILLE, W. Va.—We have had a good revival at the Kellysville Church of God. Sister Mays, of Bristol, Tenn., preached 2 weeks for us. We rested one week due to the influenza epidemic. Then Sisters Carawan and Cheery preached 4 weeks. The attendance, offerings, and spirituality were good. There were 6 saved, 4 sanctified, and 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Howard Kiser, Pastor.

ROYSTON, Ga.—We have recently had a 4 weeks' revival, with Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Myers as the evangelists. There were 18 saved, 6 sanctified, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church. This was the greatest revival our church has had in a long time. The entire church was revived. We appreciate our good pas-tor, Rev. G. M. Chitwood, and his family, and feel like the revival spirit will continue among our members.-Mrs. O. B. Almont, Reporter. ************************

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST LEADER RAPS BIBLE VERSION ARGUMENTS

HOUSTON, TEXAS (EP) Dr. J.D. Grey, of New Orleans, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, rapped those who "get into silly arguments about various versions of the Bible." In an address to the Houston's Baptist Pastors Conference, Dr. Grey said: "I have no use for anyone who has so little of the Holy Spirit that he will burn any portion of the Holy Bible, regardless of whether he agrees with what it says or not." Instead of wrangling over various words and portions of any version of the Bible, he said, "Christians should try to live by Christ's life as the Bible gives it." He referred to the episode in which a North Carolina independent Baptist minister burned the Revised Standard

Version of the Bible.

"We're making progress, though," Dr. Grey observed; "it used to be that we burned translators—now we burn translations."

BABY NEAR DEATH FROM BEATING

LOS ANGELES (EP) A teen-age mother, who fulfilled the New Testament prophecy, "In the last days (they shall be). without natural affection," coolly told police here, "I probably wouldn't have cared if I had killed her," while her three months old child Laurel Susan Pivar fought for life in a hospital. The mother, 18-year old Carol Pivar said she felt the baby was making her miss a lot of good times. The shocked father, who discovered the baby's condition, declared the mother had resented the child during pregnancy and had tried to bring about a miscarriage by beating on her stomach with her fists. The child's skull was fractured by repeated blows, her left eye was punctured, and her hands and feet were badly burned where the mother had held her against the heater. Hospital attendants found the baby badly dehydrated and said she had apparently been without water or any liquids for three or four days.

RED CROSS TO ASSIST IN EASTER CELEBRATION

NEW YORK (EP) During coming weeks, American Red Cross chapter volunteers will arrange for thousands of VA Hospital patients to celebrate the Easter season, each in his own way as he would if he were home. These Red Cross volunteers wheel the patients into the hospital chapel for services, then back to their wards. Volunteer musicians will sing and play Easter songs in hospital wards and chapels decorated with spring flowers by volunteer hands. Red Cross "gray ladies" will serve that "after services" cup of coffee to patients and their guests; will help patients find brightly colored eggs hidden about hospital lawns, wards, and dayrooms; and will add touches of spring freshness to hospital trays and bedside tables that otherwise would remain colorless and drab during this season of hope.

"UNSHACKLED" GOES INTO SECOND EDITION

CHICAGO (EP) Moody Press, of Chicago, recently issued a second edition of Unshackled, a collection of stories based on Pacific Garden Mission case histories. "P.G." Mission is in the heart of Chicago's Skid Row.

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The 20 narratives have been adapted from radio scripts of the now-famous program "Unshackled," heard weekly over WGN, Chicago, and written and produced by Eugenia Price. Adaptation for the book was done by Faith Coxe Bailey. These dramatic stories picture the transforming power of Jesus Christ on the lives of Skid Row derelicts. According to a Moody Press spokesman, the first imprint (2,500 copies) was sold out completely in a month, and within one week of its release the second imprint (7,500 copies) was almost a sell-out too.

NOTICE

THE WORD OF GOD, heard daily over radio station WPAL, 730 KC, at 12:15 p.m., and on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Clyde C. Cox, radio minister.

Notice is hereby given that the following amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Lee College Alumni Association will be considered at the annual business meeting of the association May 27, 1953.—The Executive Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Constitution—Article II—Membership
Membership in this organization
shall consist of all students who have
completed one full semester, one term
of the summer session, or an equivalent of either. When the President of
Lee College and the members of the
Board of Education are not already
members of the Association, they shall
be included in its membership during
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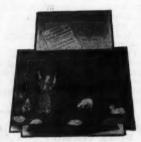
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